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# AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD THE POPE FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

Conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research

*Interviews: 10/15-18/2015*

*1,058 adults*

*Margin of error: +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.*

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*Some items held for later release.*

**Q8. Do you think that global warming is happening, or do you think global warming is not happening?**

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
Yes, global warming is happening	65	69
No, global warming is not happening	16	16
Not sure	19	15
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>	<i>1,030</i>

**Q9. How worried, if at all, are you about global warming?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
<b>Extremely/very worried NET</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>
Extremely worried	8	9
Very worried	14	17
<b>Moderately worried</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Not too/not at all worried NET</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>
Not too worried	22	20
Not worried at all	17	15
Not sure	4	3
SKIP/REFUSED	1	-
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*If global warming is happening in Q8*

**Q10. Do you think global warming is...**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
Caused entirely by human activities	12	11
Caused mostly by human activities	39	41
Caused about equally by human activities and natural changes in the environment	35	38
Caused mostly by natural changes in the environment	7	6
Caused entirely by natural changes in the environment	3	2
Not sure	3	2
SKIP/REFUSED	*	*
<i>N=</i>	722	737

**Q11. In your opinion, do you think global warming is...**

**[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

**a. An environmental issue**

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
Yes	82	82
No	12	9
Not sure	5	5
SKIP/REFUSED	1	4
<i>N=</i>	1,058	1,030

**b. A moral issue**

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
Yes	36	39
No	49	43
Not sure	12	12
SKIP/REFUSED	4	7
<i>N=</i>	1,058	1,030

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**c. A religious issue**

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
Yes	9	9
No	79	74
Not sure	8	8
SKIP/REFUSED	4	8
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>	<i>1,030</i>

**d. A social justice (fairness) issue**

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
Yes	25	25
No	57	51
Not sure	13	16
SKIP/REFUSED	4	8
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>	<i>1,030</i>

**e. A political issue**

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
Yes	55	56
No	32	31
Not sure	10	8
SKIP/REFUSED	3	5
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**f. A scientific issue**

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
Yes	72	76
No	17	12
Not sure	8	6
SKIP/REFUSED	3	6
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**g. A poverty issue**

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
Yes	14	17
No	71	64
Not sure	10	12
SKIP/REFUSED	4	7
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**AGE**

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
18-24	12	12
25-34	18	18
35-44	16	15
45-54	17	19
55-64	17	17
65-74	12	13
75+	7	6
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>	<i>1,030</i>

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
Male	48	48
Female	52	52
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>	<i>1,030</i>

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
White	65	65
Black or African American	12	12
Hispanic	15	16
Other	8	8
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>	<i>1,030</i>

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
Married	48	52
Widowed	6	5
Divorced	12	12
Separated	3	3
Never married	25	24
Living with partner	7	5
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**INCOME**

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	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015
Under \$10,000	7	7
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	12	12
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	13	14
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	11	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	15	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	12	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	13	11
\$150,000 or more	7	8

N=

1,058

1,030

## **AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research Poll**

### **Study Methodology**

This survey was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and with funding from NORC at the University of Chicago. Data were collected using AmeriSpeak®, which is a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. The survey was part of an omnibus that included questions about several other topics not included in this report, such as climate change. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households are sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and are then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face).

Interviews for this survey were conducted between October 15 and October 18, 2015, with adults age 18 and over from the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak®, and 1,058 completed the survey—753 via the web and 305 via telephone. The final stage completion rate is 31.0 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 36.6 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 99.4 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 11.3 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data has been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any non-coverage or under- and oversampling resulting from the study-specific sample design. Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and household phone status. The weighted data, which reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over, were used for all analyses.

All analyses were conducted using STATA (version 14), which allows for adjustment of standard errors for complex sample designs. All differences reported between subgroups of the U.S. population are at the 95 percent level of statistical significance, meaning that there is only a 5 percent (or lower) probability that the observed differences could be attributed to chance variation in sampling.

A comprehensive listing of all study questions, complete with tabulations of top-level results for each question, is available on The AP-NORC Center website: [www.apnorc.org](http://www.apnorc.org).

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